

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election of a single species under 35 U.S.C. § 121, to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally to be allowable. It is Applicants' understanding that this election is being made to aid the Examiner in conducting a search and examination of the claimed subject matter, and is not to be construed as limiting the scope of Applicants' claims. It is also Applicants' understanding that if the elected subject matter is found to be allowable over the prior art, the search and examination will be expanded to cover other species, until it includes the full scope of the generic claims included in the elected group.

In the previous response, the applicant elected claims 1-34 but did not elect a species. That election is hereby withdrawn. Claims 1-69 remain pending. **In response to the election of species requirement, Applicant hereby elects Species I described in paragraph [0008] of the specification. Claims 1-9, 36, and 59-68 are generic, and claims 10-15 and 37-41 are directed to elected species I.** The Examiner is requested to examine all claims, including non-elected species claims 16-35, 42-58, and 69, upon allowance of any one of generic claims 1-9, 36, and 59-68.

The present application is now believed to be in condition for examination on the merits. Favorable examination leading to early allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

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